

My name is Bridget Parker and I live in Portland. I'm reaching out to you before the June 24th emergency session to implore you to extend the moratorium on evictions in Oregon and to work to create a plan to address the accumulated back rent that will put so many Oregonian families at risk of houselessness in July.

During the COVID19 pandemic, so many Oregonians have lost jobs and income, and continue to face extraordinary hardship. Many renters have not been able to access assistance in the time allotted. Lifting the eviction moratorium would put hundreds of thousands of working families at risk of losing their homes.

My husband and I went from a dual income household to single income in April when he lost his job. If not for extensive family support, we would not have been able to stay in our housing. We are lucky- we still have income and are able to make payments. Not everyone is in our situation, and I am scared for what will happen if the moratorium expires as people also lose the extra COVID19 unemployment benefits.

Please stand with me and my neighbors to extend the moratorium on evictions. No one should lose their housing in the middle of a pandemic. The moratorium must be extended!

Thank you for your time.

-Bridget Parker